

**Approved Minutes  
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee  
November 12, 2008**

Attendance: Jane Ashby, Peter Lillya, Karen Kowles, Fran VanTreese, Andrew Melnechuk, Walter Wolnik, Glenn Barrington, Guilford Mooring, Lynn Grabowski

Jane Ashby opened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of Town Hall.

Jane reported on her meeting with Al Byam of UMass Transit and Larry Shaffer. Al said PVTA would do a new survey of Route 32. She reported that UMass Transit would not do enforcement of fare cards if the Town wanted to use them on the outreach routes.

Guilford reported that the Kendrick Park bus shelter will be going up in November. He will check on where the Main Street Shelter is and will try to get it installed. He will update Jane by email about its status.

Jane reported that Town meeting passed the budget. There was a discussion about Town Meeting's concerns and how to best address them. The issue of using smaller busses was discussed. Walter suggested the committee meet with Mr. Bohonowicz, the School System bus manager to see how they handle their system and if there is any possibility of working together.

The minutes were reviewed and the spellings of a number of names were corrected. Peter moved to accept the corrected minutes. Andrew seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the corrected minutes.

Fran reported on the Parking Task force meeting.

Andrew reported on the Public Works Committee meeting.

Jane reported she has updated the website.

Peter reported on the Design Review Board's public meeting on the Pomery Lane/West Street project.

Jane reported that Amherst College has expanded their Zip Car program to include town residents. Jane suggested the committee recognize people and organizations who are doing "green" and progressive activities.

Jane wanted to schedule a meeting to talk about how to make the transit system work better and how to do public outreach. Andrew suggested a letter writing campaign and attendance at Select Board meetings as possible outreach activities.

There was a discussion of reducing the number of PTBC members from 9 to 7. This would require Town Meeting action. No decision was made.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Transportation Enterprise Fund and it's presentation in materials for Town Meeting in the Manager's Budget. There was a discussion about adding transportation goals and objectives.

It was decided to have the subcommittee discuss goals and objectives and vision.

The subcommittee will meet on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 9:00 a.m.

The next PTBC meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded.  
All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted.

Fran VanTreese